

House Resolution Number

Whereas, the people of Jackson County, Missouri suffered a disastrous winter ice storm on January 30th and 31st, 2002; and

Whereas, this ice storm caused tens of millions of dollars in property damage, causing over three hundred fifty thousand homes to be without electric power, many for an extended period of time, resulting in untold hardships and suffering for the people of Jackson County; and

Whereas, it is estimated that eighty percent of the trees in Jackson County have suffered damage, and ten percent were destroyed by the ice storm; and

Whereas, it is estimated that cleanup and repair efforts will take until the fall of this year to complete; and

Whereas, local municipal governments in Jackson County are struggling to find the money to pay for the millions of dollars in costs and repairs; and

Whereas, on February 6, 2002, President George W. Bush and the Federal Emergency Management Agency declared Jackson County, Missouri a federal disaster area, releasing federal funds to cover up to seventy-five percent of the costs of cleanup and repair; and

Whereas, the State of Missouri has an obligation to help its citizens in such a time of disaster and great public need:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, hereby request that Governor Bob Holden release state money by Executive Order to the municipalities of Jackson County in order to help pay for the enormous costs of the cleanup of the Great Ice Storm of 2002; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Governor Bob Holden.

Offered by Representatives: Dennis Bonner, #51; Ralph Monaco, #49; Henry Rizzo, #40; Cathy Jolly, #45; Matt Bartle, #56; Carol Jean Mays, #50; Sharon Sanders Brooks, #37; Yvonne Wilson, #42; Marsha Campbell, #39; Connie Cierpiot, #52; Don Lograsso, #54; Jeneé Lowe, #44; and Pat Kelley, #47

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

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